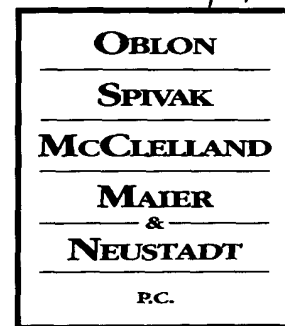


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In response to the Official Action of March 31, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group III, Claims 11-15, drawn to a PC composition of low iron content and certain NMR signal.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-5, drawn to a composition of low iron and phenol content;

Group II: Claims 6-10, drawn to a PC composition of low hydroxyl end groups and a low content of certain compounds;

Group III: Claims 11-15, drawn to a PC composition of low iron content and certain NMR signal; and

Group IV: Claims 16-20, drawn to a PC composition of low iron content and low hydroxyl end groups.